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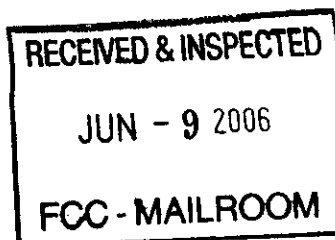
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Dear Federal Communication Commission (FCC) or National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA)

We Deaf or Hard of Hearing thruout the United States urge the FCC and the NECA not to cut the funding or rate to support the Relay Service, Video Relay Service (VRS) and IP. We Deaf or HOH appreciate using the VRS to dial a qualified interpreter to make an appointment with Doctor or hosptial and talk to a deaf friend anywhere on TV screen with American Sign Language (ASL). This VRS help Deaf fully to understand the communication effectively. We need to keep that fund so we can train more qualified interpreters. How much suffering will the Deaf deal with. We Deaf or HOH have been waiting for this new technology to accomplish? Hope many Deaf will send this message to FCC and NECA, better do it NOW!!!!

Sign your name:

Donnell S. Garner



June 3, 2006

Video Relay Services Consumer Association (VRSCA)
VRSCA – California Chapter (Bay Area)
38181 Hastings Court
Fremont, CA 94536

Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable Kevin Martin,

RE: Urge FCC to reject the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA)'s recommendation

We had a VRSCA – California Chapter (Bay Area) meeting this morning at the California School for the Deaf – Fremont, California and explained about the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA)'s recommendation. The deaf people view that NECA to take away funding for VRS education is inconsistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is insensitive to the needs of the deaf community.

Please find 18 objection letters (45 people) which urge you to reject NECA's recommendation – reducing the rate for VRS vendors.

Thank you for your listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,


Joe McLaughlin,
VRSCA – California Chapter (Bay Area)

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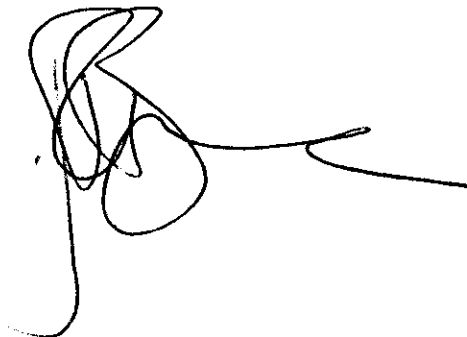
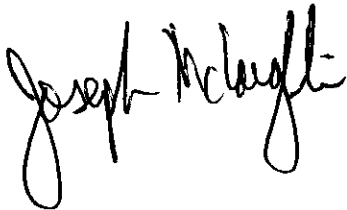
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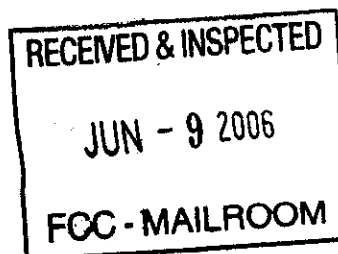
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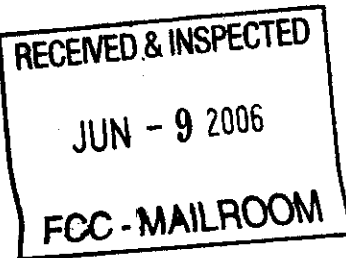
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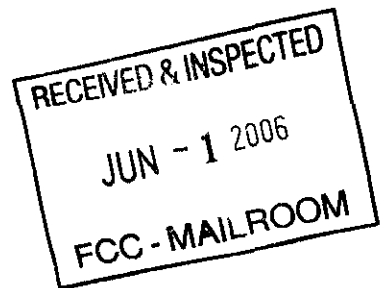
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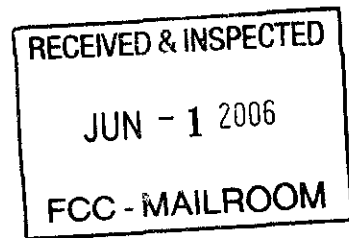
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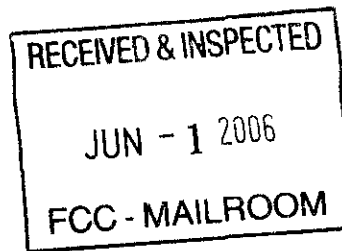
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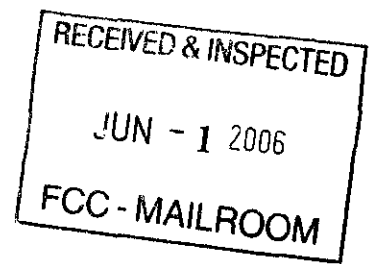
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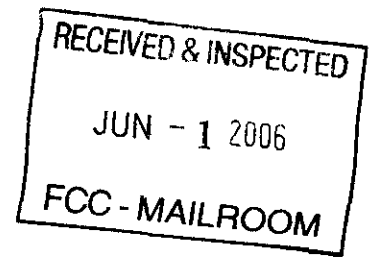
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